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Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Castle as it exists today is a large, two-story masonry structure - a mixture of stuccoed surfaces, painted and unpainted granite - with a green tile hip roof topped by elaborate granite battlements and turrets. The front (southeast) elevation has a first floor arcade of seven and one-quarter bays. The northeasternmost bay projects beyond the building to form a porte-cochere. The bay at the opposite end (southern corner) has a narrow pointed arch. The rest of the arches are segments of an ellipse. The arcade on the second floor of this elevation is identical to that on the first floor except it has one fewer bay. These arcades are concrete or stucco scored to resemble stone.

The wall behind the arcade is stucco except for the southern bay which is granite. Both floors contain a variety of windows and doors. First floor windows are single-light and appear to be recent replacements. Second floor windows are two-over-two, double-hung wood sash. Two windows are paired, and three of the windows form a projecting bay. The main entrance on the first floor has a glass and anodized aluminum entry. One doorway on the second floor has sidelights with a three-part transom above. The remaining doors are single with transoms above. Aluminum storm windows have been installed in the window openings. There are signs that many openings have been altered. Atop the southern corner a granite turret rises above a small section of crenelated wall containing windows with metal grilles in them.

The arcade turns the corner and continues for four and one-third bays along the southwest elevation. While the arcade is still stucco, the entire wall here is granite, unpainted, and of very high quality with beaded joints. The tile roof continues until it stops against a round, crenelated tower of granite whose upper portion has round window openings filled with metal grilles. Beyond this the three-level granite elevation (the ground has dropped away at this point) contains one bay of windows and ends with a granite turret atop its west corner.

The rear of the building (northwest) is granite for two bays, then rough-textured stucco, then smooth stucco. A firestair and glass and metal entryway have been added to this elevation. The northeast elevation has four segmentally arched windows with two-over-two wood sash and four tall, one-light, newer windows. This wall shows evidence of other openings now closed, stuccoed and painted over.

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8. Significance

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The Castle is one of the most unique buildings in Montgomery County. The building was originally constructed in the nineteenth century as a general merchandise store with living quarters above. George M. Wolfe and William P. Miller bought the store from Oliver and Mary Harr in 1900 (Deed T.D. 16/181). The pair ran the store until 1907 when Wolfe bought out Miller (Deed 196/157). In 1912, Wolfe joined John A. I. Cassedy, owner of the National Park Seminary, in forming the Forest Glen Trading Company. In 1915, Wolfe and Cassedy sold their individual land holdings in that part of Forest Glen to the Trading Company, and radically remodeled the old store building. It was enlarged to about four times its original size; given a tiled, hip roof; and fronted with an eight-bay, one-story arcade. The ground floor contained a grocery store, a post office, and an ice cream shop. Two apartments (including one behind the grocery store) were on the first floor and four apartments on the second floor. These rented for approximately \$50 per month.<sup>2</sup> The Forest Glen Trading Company sold the building to Thomas L. Miller in January, 1922, although the deed (314/223) was not recorded until April 17, 1922.

On the night of April 24, 1922, six families and their guests were in residence when a spectacular fire nearly destroyed the structure. According to the newspaper account,<sup>3</sup> the furnace beneath the southern end of the building overheated, firing off a revolver in the post office, setting afire 500 gallons of kerosene stored behind the grocery store, and exploding an underground tank of gasoline. The heat from this conflagration severed the telegraph wires between Washington and Pittsburgh. The occupants of the building were fortunate to escape with their lives, for "the location on the west [sic] end of the ruined structure today is a smoldering mass of twisted concrete and steel, with little left to mark the place where several families lived."<sup>4</sup>

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The new owners were underinsured, and hastily sold the building to Joseph C. Trees and James E. Ament (Deed 318/92, recorded May 31, 1922). Dr. Ament had succeeded Cassedy in 1916 as head of the National Park Seminary. Under his ownership, the damaged commercial block was rebuilt in an even grander form. The southernmost portion of the building was demolished and the arcade, now two-story, was reduced to seven bays and one very narrow, pointed-arch bay. The southern corner, the southwestern elevation, and part of the northwestern elevation were rebuilt out of granite, and elaborate granite battlements and turrets were added to the roof. A triangular park in front of the building was enclosed with a granite wall embellished with urns, iron chains and grillework. This work took place prior to 1926, for in that year the property assessment jumped from \$35,000 to \$50,000. The building was renamed the Glen Castle Apartments, and the Polk Directory for 1927-28 listed six families living there at that time. Tenants still paid their rent to Mr. Wolfe, however, for he was manager of the purchasing department and supervisor of the grounds at the National Park Seminary.

In 1941, Dr. Ament's widow sold the property to Washington real estate executive John A. Brickley (Deed 872/93), who converted it into a hotel. By this time the National Park Seminary had been taken over by Walter Reed Army Medical Center, and Brickley hoped to attract relatives visiting recuperating soldiers. In addition to the stores, he installed a restaurant, a dry cleaning shop and a barber shop. Brickley sold his hotel in 1952, and the building passed through a series of uses, among others, the home of a locally prominent Hungarian restaurant. In 1965 another damaging fire occurred, and the building suffered neglect for a few years, until its present owner, John T. Doran, remodeled it into the office building it is today. <sup>5</sup>

In its lifetime, the building was a local commercial center, a very early example of a multi-family dwelling, and in all probability the first mixed-use structure of any real size to be built in the County. In more ways than one it is an extension of the National Park Seminary, profiting from that institution's population, and enjoying the same level of architectural attention as did most of the Seminary's buildings. One of these, a medieval-style house, has bold stonework and a huge round tower. Although it is badly deteriorated today, one can see the similarity between this building and the Castle. The Castle is a prominent landmark. Its appearance is distinctive, half folly and half commercial attraction, and represents its owners' pride and enthusiasm for their venture.

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## U. S. AND MEXICAN RELATIONS BE

#### Administration Holds Recognition Looking to a Permanent Settlement.

BY DAVID LAWRENCE. Mexico and the United States are

getting closer together.
Out of the mass of mleunderstandings which has characterised the rebetween the two countries there will emerge soon an agreement greater in its significance than mere-iy the estension of recognition by one government to another—a treaty of permanent friendship and good will.

So much emphasis has been placed npon the points of contreverey of the past that an understanding of what the Harding administration has been striving to achieve in the Mea-ican situation onfortamately has been impossible on either side of the intar-

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But President Harding and Secretary liughes are endeavoring to piece, the whole matter on a brefider plane than

#### HALF HOLIDAY PLANNED FOR DEDICATION FETE FAVORED BY PRESIDENT

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Garden is left to the department heads, not to President Harding.

This fact was made known at the White House today. The President, when seen hy a delegation representing those arranging for the celebration, indicated that he approved of such a foliday for the employee and intimated that he would make his approval known to the membere of his cabinet and those in charge of the averal independent government agencies and to the District Commission of approval on the part of the exclutive the delegates left the conflict that the haif holiday would be granted. In the delegation were Bishop amuel Saliowe of Chicago, president of the Army of the Penneyt Memorial Commission; Brig. Gen. John Clem U. R. A., retired, and Col. John McEiroy, District department commander, Q. A. R. would make his approval known to

# FOREST GLEN FIRE

#### Block Containing Post Office and Store Practically Wrecked.

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Premier Poincare Warns Parley Must Continue Under Agreed Conditions.

## SAYS COUNTRY IS READY TO ENFORCE PACT ALONE

Will Undertake to Carry Out Versailles Treaty if Germans Default on Reparations.

be Associated Press. LONDON, April 34.—A Central Naws disputch from Genon today corst-

"It is learned unofficially that the reds (seviet Russian representatives) are negotiating a secret treaty with Hungary giving mutual support against Ru-munia and the little extente."

BAR-LE-DUC, April 24.-Premier Poincare announced in a speech here today that if the French delegation at Genoa could not go thead with ite work under the agreed conditions France would regretfully have to cease participation in the conference.

France will, if necessary, undertake alone to see that the freaty of Var-

important date for France, said the premier. It is France's duty, he added. "In full independence," to assume the duty of maintaining the integrity of the treaty.

Include on Treaty Torms.

"All we have ever asked and all we ask today is the easeution of the treaty," said M. Poincare, "and that we must have end shall have. The peace ut Europe, depends upon it.

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One future and our national prosperity depend; upon it.
"It is not, by precipitate action or by decisions without reflection that we will ubtain it. It is by persevering and methodical antion. But it must be done."

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"We shall defend, in full independence, the French canse, and we shall not abandon any arms the treaty gives ns."

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Associated Press. RLES TOWN, W. Va., April 24,cs of treason, growing out of the march last fall, were selected tocounsel for the state as the first which nine union leaders and mem-

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her of Congress will welcome legie-lation which will in part free ue from dealing with burdencome details, and from the exactions of putting through a general teriff rovision in a single

Commenting upon the time necessary to hring out the present hill, Senator Smoot said it must he expected that "every conscientious revision of the tariff will encreach to a greater axient npon the time of the legislative hranch."

#### Session Almost Castinuasa.

"We are aiready on almost contin-uous session," be added, "and it becomee thereasingly necessary for to delegate to executive and administrative agencies the working out of detailed adjustments. Business intercete also will no doubt welcome meas-ures which will render less frequent and, lese violent the upheavais inci-dent to teriff revision and which will accordingly contribute to commercial and industriel stability. It is impossible to frame a law

The defense announced its inten- on the basis of conditions today which or a demarker, to the treason will fit the conditions of a few years to file a motion to quash bence, or even one year from now, as bence, or even one year from new, as

bence, or even one year from new, as conditions ere changing so rapidly. We are, therefore, confronted olther with the possibility of another general ravision of the tariff law in a short time or with the reduction to legislation of the Precident's admirable proposals.

Calling attention that the finance committee had stricken from the House bill provisions authorising the President to negotiats reciprocity iteraties with other countries and to impose products of countries and to impose what he might be might be a product of the linted States, Senestor Smoot (Continued on Page 2, Column 2.)

### ARREST OF 300 ORDERED FOR REVOLT ACTIVITIES

Midaraguan President Reported to Be Rounding Up Members of Liberal Party.

By the Associated Press.
MEXICO CITY, April 24.—The arsets of more than 300 members of
the Micaraguan liberal party became the same itmo, were on their of revolutionary activities has been to appear to that see connected intensity of the second by President Chamorro, actions and the second by the second by President Chamorro, actions and the second by the secon oording to private advices received here. The liberals are reported to have been numerally aggressive during the lest week and a coup against the government was feared.

A Managua dispatch on April 6 said martial law had been proclaimed in Managua for thirty days following discovery of a plot against the government and the thirty-fore liberals had been arrested, charged with a complying to ansaturate the prosident and other paliculas.

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Administrations change in the United States as they do in Mexico. Recognition by a republican regime under Mr. Harding might be withdrawn by a democratic administration of a later day or by another republican Fresident, who might be swayed by future confugencies. Recognition is at the development of the second regulation of the second regulation and the accumulation of disputes. What the United Ruties government is asking lexico to sign is a reciprocal treaty of friendship, which will cover all the fundamentals in controversy today and make an enduring settlement—a treaty which nobody on either hide of the Rio Grande can afford to disregard.

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The hugahoo of military intervention as well as political meddling on the part of Americane in Mexico bas kept relations between the two countries unsteady. It is sought to ramova once and for all these factora so that every Mexican admin-istration will ha sure of equitable treatment at Washington.

There are, of course, many persons in the United States who feel that President Obregon's record is not of the best. They have been trying to persuade the American governto bereusde the American govern-ment thet recognition should be withheld. And it is explained by those in authority that the situation is viewed on an impersonal basis, for the agreement is to be tween the peoples of the two countries and signed by whatever administration is in supreme authority at the timo. Recognition was accorded the Car-ranus government in the past when it had much less control of the situa-tion than the Obragon government has today.

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M. Poincare referred to the disc eries of stocks of arms and manition in Sliefla, the formation of police or ganisations in Germany composed o ganisations in Germany composed of former non-commissioned officers which he said were so easily trans-formed into a framework of military force. He instanced these things, a well as the pan-German agitation, tjustify the precantions of France

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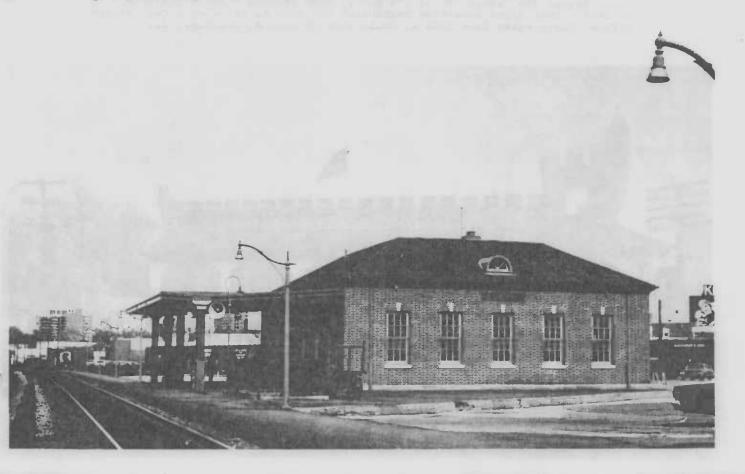
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(Above) Westbound train pulled by Baltimore and Ohio Railroad diesel loco No. 66 enters the first Silver Spring station. Photo taken about 1943. Collection of Montgomery County Historical Society, Rockville.

(Below) The second (present) Baltimore and Ohio Railroad station, Silver Spring. Photo by C. L. Andrews March 1972.

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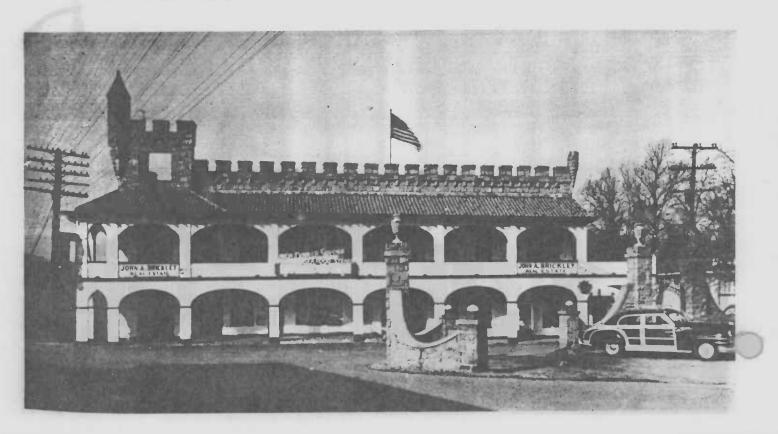


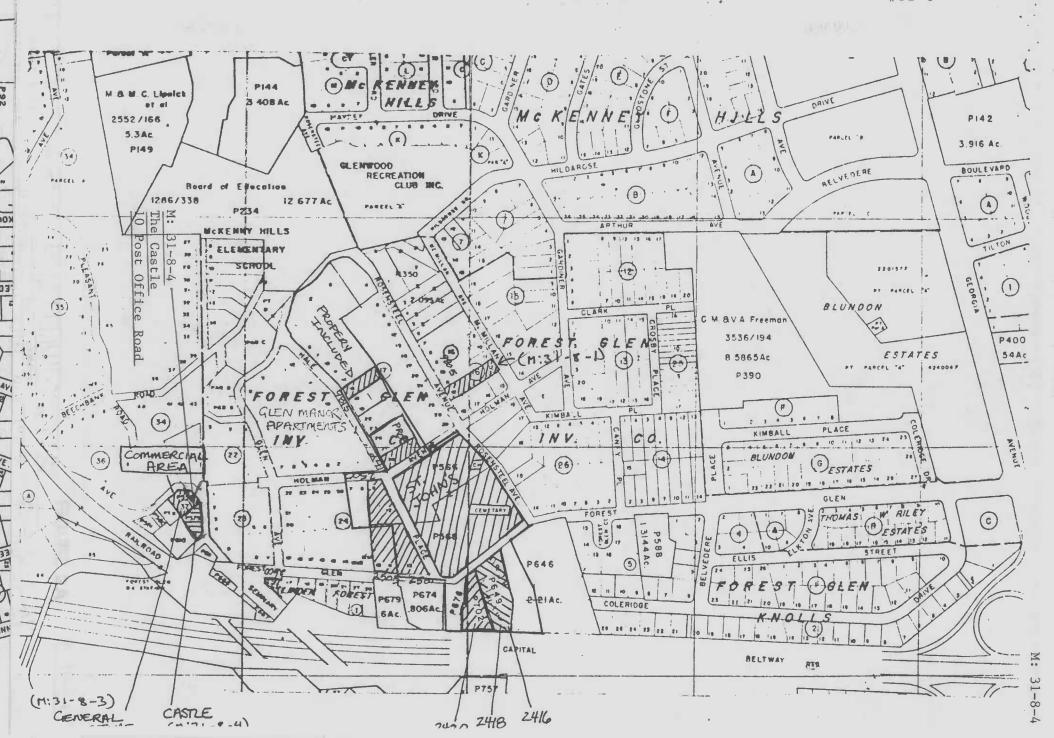
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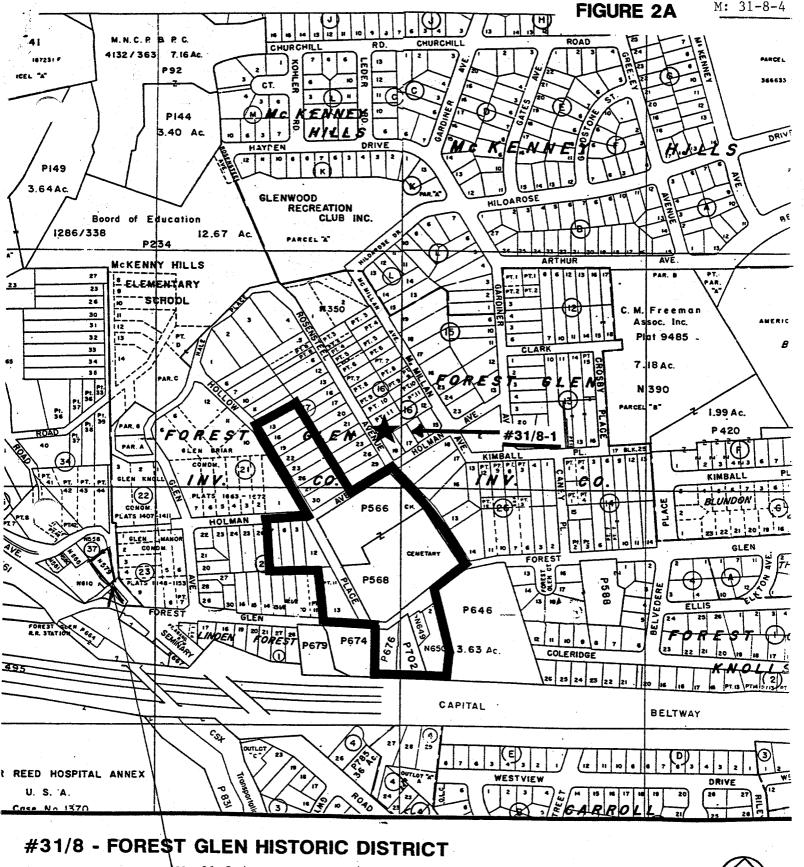


(Above) The Castle, before being rebuilt. Truck next to building is lettered "Forest Glen Trading Company." Photo taken 1916. Collection of Courtland U. Kramer, Silver Spring.

(Below) The Castle in all its glory. Sign reading "Castle Inn Hotel" is at left; other signs advertise restaurant and John A. Brickley's real estate office. Photo taken late 1940's. Collection of John A. Brickley, Jr.





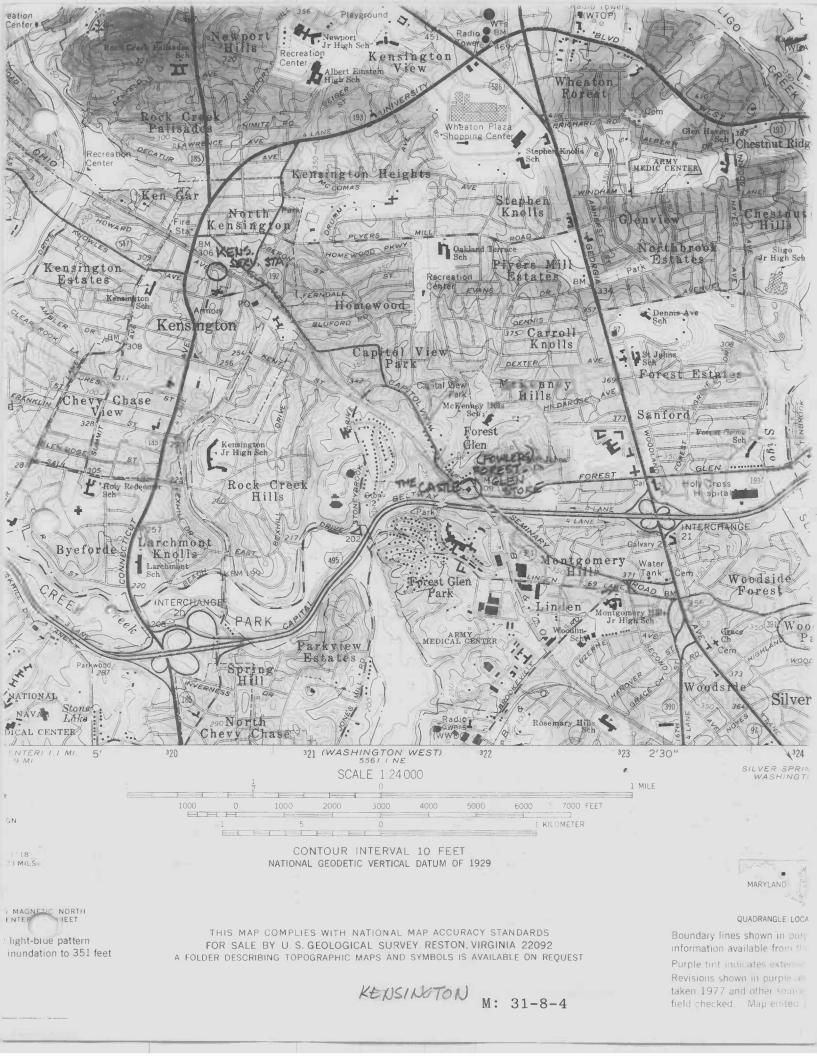


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The Castle, 10 Post Office Road

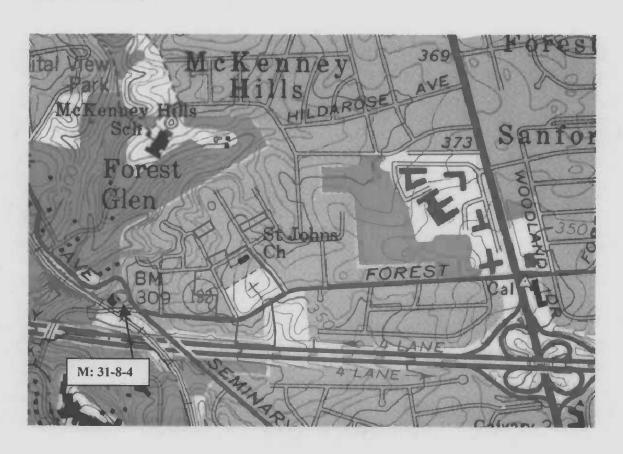
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NORTH



M: 31-8-4 Glen Castle Apartments (The Castle) 10 Post Office Road Kensington Quadrangle





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The Castle/Forest Glen Trading Company 10 Post Office Road Silver Spring, MD Andrea Rebeck

Southeast elevation

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